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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Ram N. Kackar |
| TADASHI SAWAYAMA ET AL. |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 1763 |
| Application No.: 10/776,173 |) | |
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| For: PROCESSING APPARATUS, |) | |
| EXHAUST PROCESSING | : | |
| PROCESS AND PLASMA |) | |
| PROCESSING PROCESS | : | March 31, 2006 |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

a.) Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2006, kindly amend the
subject application as follows: